

WILSON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A regular meeting of the Wilson Township Zoning Board of Appeals was held on October 16, 2013 at the Township Hall on Fall Park Road Wilson Township, Charlevoix County.

Roll Call: Present: Norm Vogt, Mel Nowland, and Jeff Komondy

Twp. Officials: Scott McPherson
Guests: Tom Schraw, Chris Nelson

Norm Vogt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Minutes

Motion made Mel Nowland, support by Jeff Komondy to approve as presented the minutes of the January 16, 2013 ZBA meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Zoning Administrator Request for interpretation of Wilson Township Section 17.03 and how it applies to LED signs.

McPherson stated that an interpretation was requested after an inquiry was made by Chris Nelson about installing LED sign at the Boyne City Bowling Alley. As the current ordinance does not specifically address LED types of signage an interpretation on how section 17.03 applies was requested. McPherson also noted that while the request of Chris Nelson prompted the request for interpretation, this is not a consideration for approval or denial of their specific sign but only on how the current ordinance is applied to these types of LED signs.

Tom Schraw stated that incandescent lighting produces direct light rays as the lights have a reflective background that focuses and directs light rays. Interior illuminated LED signs have light diffusing backgrounds so direct light rays are not produced by this type of sign. Mr. Schraw stated that as the sign is an interior illuminated sign that does not produce direct light rays this type of LED sign meets the ordinance criteria section 17.03.

The Board discussed LED type of signs noted ordinance section 17.03 in regards to direct light rays and stated that interior illuminated LED signs do not produce direct light rays and this type of sign is consistent with the requirements of section 17.03.

Motion made Norm Vogt, support by Jeff Komondy that interior illuminated LED signs meet the requirements of section 17.03 and requested that the Planning Commission review the current sign ordinance standards and consider specific language in regards to LED signs. All ayes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the ZBA, a motion was made by Norm Vogt, support by Mel Nowland, to adjourn at 7:31 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the ZBA is November 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McPherson, Recording Secretary

Mel Nowland, ZBA Secretary